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In today's coverage . . .

. . . Michigan's two largest electric utilities, DTE Energy and Consumers Energy, are accelerating their transition to clean energy in an agreement reached with NextGen America so the group will drop its pursuit of a mandatory clean energy ballot initiative in the state.

Speaking of states, California officials are considering backing the launch of a satellite in part to track methane emission hot spots around the world in response to Trump administration proposals to defund such carbon monitoring efforts by NASA.

Staying in California, EPA appointed long-time California agriculture industry attorney Mike Stoker as the administrator of Region 9, which covers the Golden State, Arizona, Hawaii and Nevada, though he is already attracting controversy over his reported refusal to work out of the region's San Francisco headquarters. We rounded up some of our must-read coverage from the past week, including the latest on EPA's vehicle greenhouse gas standards, as well as a look at how one utility is curbing biomass power, efforts to save coal plants and EPA's "secret science" rule.

And our daily news roundup looked at a sharp criticism of the Trump administration's environmental deregulatory agenda from a libertarian think tank, which charges that federal officials are protecting "ill-gotten gains" for favored industries while foisting costs on the public.

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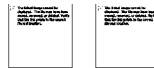
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